

indeed have some disabilities, but I think to all of us with the recognition that the great abilities that are there generally make up for and overcome the disability that may have been the root problem to begin with. I think for that we can all be thankful.

We often talk about all the negativism out there, how things are worse in the world today. In my judgment, this is one area where things are much better. Erik is truly a hero and should truly be recognized and honored as such, and that is what we do in this resolution. For all these reasons, I believe this resolution is one that is deserving of the support of each of us here in the Congress of the United States.

Hopefully sometime we will have an opportunity, after he returns and hugs his wife and child, to be able to meet Erik and to be able to congratulate him personally for all that he has achieved.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I just wanted to thank the gentleman from Rhode Island (Mr. LANGEVIN) for his inspiring remarks about another inspiring individual. I think there is a lesson for everyone here, especially those who do not intend to scale the highest peaks in the world, the highest physical mountains in the world, but scale, surmount other difficulties that they face.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. CASTLE. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Colorado (Mr. TANCREDO) if he wishes to say anything further. He made an elegant statement already.

Mr. TANCREDO. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding to me.

Mr. Speaker, it has been a pleasure listening to the gentleman discuss the accomplishments of Mr. Weihenmayer. Although I have not had the opportunity to meet him in person, I am certainly looking forward to that. Our office has sent him a letter congratulating him. I hope he is receiving it even as we speak here today, because I know he is scheduled to be returning as I mentioned early today.

The fact is that there are a number of people that achieve the recognition that is set forward in the resolution of this nature. We do this routinely in the House. But I must admit to you that I think this particular resolution and this particular individual is something other than routine, I should say, that the accomplishments go far, farther than those of many, many of the people that we have identified in the past year. So it is especially fitting today that we are able to provide him with this kind of tribute.

We always wonder here what it is that we can do to inspire others. What we can possibly do on this floor to encourage other people to take on the tasks taken on by individuals like Mr. Weihenmayer. I am not sure if it is anything that we can do here, because all of it has to come from something internally. All of it has to come from something that builds in an individual over which we probably have very little control.

But to whatever degree we can add our support for those people who are out there throughout our land and throughout the world, for that matter, who have this sort of burning inside of them something, an ember starting to smoulder, to do something with their lives of major accomplishment, even if they are disabled, we say Godspeed to you all. Mr. Weihenmayer is a great example for everyone.

Mr. HEFLEY. Mr. Speaker, I would like to join my colleagues today in extending my congratulations to Erik Weihenmayer on his remarkable achievement. On May 23, Erik reached the top of Mount Everest, which is a triumph for any athlete. The fact that Erik is blind makes the achievement all the more impressive. As the first blind person to ever reach the summit of Mount Everest, Erik symbolizes the athleticism of all mountain climbers, as well as the determination and ability of people with disabilities.

Those with disabilities can accomplish extraordinary goals if they are provided with the proper resources, training and opportunities. Erik took advantage of these opportunities and now joins the small rank of individuals who have conquered Mount Everest.

At the age of 32, Erik has climbed not only the highest mountain in the world, but also Mount McKinley, El Capitan, Kilimanjaro, Vinson Massif in Antarctica, and Polar Circus in Alberta.

Today's resolution pays tribute to Erik and, in turn, all people with disabilities. I congratulate Erik on his achievement and his determination to succeed. His accomplishment proves that we are all capable of achieving great things when we set our hearts and minds to accomplishing a goal.

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. CASTLE. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SUNUNU). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Delaware (Mr. CASTLE) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution, H. Con. Res. 150.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the concurrent resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Debate has been concluded on all motions to suspend the rules.

Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will now put the question on each motion to spend the rules on which further proceedings were postponed earlier today.

Votes will be taken in the following order:

H.R. 1209, by the yeas and nays; and  
H.R. 1914, by the yeas and nays.

The Chair will reduce to 5 minutes the time for the second electronic vote.

#### CHILD STATUS PROTECTION ACT OF 2001

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question of suspending the rules and passing the bill, H.R. 1209, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. SENSENBRENNER) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 1209, as amended, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 416, nays 0, not voting 15, as follows:

[Roll No. 152]  
YEAS—416

Abercrombie	Capito	Ehrlich
Ackerman	Capps	Emerson
Aderholt	Capuano	Engel
Akin	Cardin	English
Allen	Carson (IN)	Etheridge
Andrews	Carson (OK)	Evans
Armey	Castle	Everett
Baca	Chabot	Farr
Bachus	Chambliss	Fattah
Baird	Clay	Filner
Baker	Clayton	Flake
Baldacci	Clement	Fletcher
Baldwin	Clyburn	Foley
Ballenger	Coble	Ford
Barcia	Collins	Fossella
Barr	Combest	Frank
Barrett	Condit	Frelinghuysen
Bartlett	Conyers	Frost
Barton	Cooksey	Galleghy
Bass	Costello	Ganske
Becerra	Coyne	Gekas
Bentsen	Cramer	Gephardt
Bereuter	Crane	Gibbons
Berkley	Crenshaw	Gilchrest
Berman	Crowley	Gillmor
Berry	Cubin	Gilman
Biggert	Culberson	Gonzalez
Bilirakis	Cummings	Gordon
Bishop	Cunningham	Goss
Blagojevich	Davis (CA)	Graham
Blumenauer	Davis (FL)	Granger
Blunt	Davis (IL)	Graves
Boehlert	Davis, Jo Ann	Green (TX)
Boehner	Davis, Tom	Green (WI)
Bonilla	Deal	Greenwood
Bonior	DeFazio	Grucci
Bono	DeGette	Gutierrez
Borski	Delahunt	Gutknecht
Boswell	DeLauro	Hall (OH)
Boucher	DeLay	Hall (TX)
Boyd	DeMint	Hansen
Brady (PA)	Deutsch	Hart
Brady (TX)	Diaz-Balart	Hastings (FL)
Brown (FL)	Dicks	Hastings (WA)
Brown (OH)	Doggett	Hayes
Brown (SC)	Dooley	Hayworth
Bryant	Doolittle	Hefley
Burr	Doyle	Herger
Callahan	Dreier	Hill
Calvert	Duncan	Hilleary
Camp	Dunn	Hilliard
Cannon	Edwards	Hinches
Cantor	Ehlers	Hinojosa